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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 612

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AMEMBASSY LOME PRIORITY

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FROM WACASC

STATE FOR AF/EX

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, ASUP, DM, NI

SUBJ: WACASC TRUCK

REF: UNCLAS COTONOU 1198

1. WACASC OF OPINION GOD NEW BORDER CUSTOM PROCEDURES NOW SIMILAR
MAJORITY WACASC SERVICED POSTS. THE HONEYMOON IS OVER.

2. WHAT GOD CUSTOMS REQUESTING IS DEFINITELY WITHIN THEIR RIGHT;
TO INSPECT AND VERIFY CONTENTS OF OFFICIAL SUPPLIES, COMMISSARY
ITEMS AND POUCHES AT PORT OF ENTRY. BORDER NO DIFFERENT THAN AIRPORT
OR SEAPORT. POUCHES MOVE UNDER TERMS OF VIENNA CONVENTION,
COUNTRY TO COUNTRY, NOT OPENED BUT COUNTED AND VERIFIED AGAINST
THE SHIPPING DOCUMENTS ONLY.

3. NIGERIAN CUSTOMS, AT WACASC COMPOUND, INSPECT AND VERIFY MANIFEST
AND SEAL TRUCK BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR BORDER. WACASC TRUCK MAY ALSO BE
OPENED AND INSPECTED UPON RETURN TRIP INTO NIGERIA (THIS IS REASON
YOUR, ACCRA AND LOME ACCURATE MANIFEST MUST BE WITH WACASC DRIVER
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FOR RE ENTRY NIGERIA) THIS PROCEDURE SIMPLIFIES BORDER CROSSING EACH

WAY. NORMALLY, UNDER THIS PROCEDURE, NIGERIA CUSTOMS WAIVES INSPECTION.

4. WACASC RECOMMENDS:

A. PADLOCK NO LONGER USED.

B. AUTHORIZE GOD CUSTOMS BREAK NIGERIAN CUSTOMS SEAL TO INSPECT

AND VERIFY TRUCK CONTENTS AGAINST WACASC MANIFEST. (THIS SHOULD PROCLUDE NECESSITY FOR GOD CUSTOMS TO ACCOMPANY TRUCK TO COONOU OR EMBASSY OFFICER TO MEET TRUCK AT BORDER).

C. PER YOUR REFERENCE 2 DOCUMENTATION ACCOMPLISHED LATER.

5. AS THIS INCIDENT CONCERNS WACASC TRUCK WITH CARGO DESTINED COTONOU ONLY WHAT ASSURANCE CAN COTONOU OFFER, RE SPLIT SHIPMENT AND OR FULL TRUCK LODAS DESTINED LOME AND ACCRA AND RETURN, THAT TRUCK WILL BE ALLOWED TO CROSS GOD BORDERS WITHOUT SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES.

6. UPON POST REQUEST WACASC DIRECTOR WILLING TO OFFER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY AND GOD CUSTOMS OFFICIALS IN

EFFORT RESOLVE PROBLEM RAISED PARA 5, ABOVE.

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